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25. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 75% identical to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and wherein said polypeptide reacts with an anti-pneumococcal Sp36 antibody.

26. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 25 wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 90% identical to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

27. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 25 wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

28. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence is at least 75% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4 wherein said polypeptide is present in an organism selected from the group consisting of Group A streptococci and *Staphylococcus aureus* and wherein said polypeptide reacts with an anti-pneumococcal Sp36 antibody.

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33. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 75% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4, and wherein said polypeptide has a sequence at least 25% identical to the amino acid sequence of the Sp36 protein of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

34. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 90% identical to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

35. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said polypeptide is at least 95% identical to the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2.

36. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said polypeptide comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2.